



Safety & Service Committee
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - 5:45 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Ryan Green called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for Wednesday, November 5, 2025 to order at 5:48 pm.

Members Present - Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart, Tiffany Hollis, Don Barnard, Matthew Huggins, Bob Orsini, Jack Liggett, Rusty Smart, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Nicole Shook

2. Action on Minutes

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve all en bloc; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

- a. September 2, 2025
- b. October 7, 2025
- c. October 21, 2025

3. Concord Crossing East - Middleburn intersection stop sign

Sean Staneart asked Mayor Barnard if he got confirmation from the property owner that it was ok to install a secondary stop sign for the intersection on his property, Mr. Barnard said that he did. Jack Liggett said they have an OUPS locate requested and are hoping to get the sign up by the end of the week.

Mr. Barnard said the residents have asked if the city would consider a temporary speed bump. Mr. Staneart said if that is something council would like to do, they can investigate. Mr. Liggett said they do make rubber ones that are movable, however they do put a hole in the asphalt. Ryan Green said Redwood apartments used these when he lived there, they broke in half, they went through a few of them over the summer, it left holes in the asphalt and then the cracks started, he is not sure if they have used them since. Chief Smart asked if they could look at zoning and the distance that trees are away from the stop sign, when you start on that roadway, the entire time you are driving, there are only trees on that one piece of property and you don't see that stop sign until you are right on it, he said in his opinion, the tree should be removed. Mr. Liggett said the trees do fully block the stop sign. Mr. Liggett said they could wait and see if the second stop sign is going to help, he added that the contractor is going to put construction traffic only and block off two

roads, there are no houses back there and they are digging ditches and installing water and sewer services. Committee agreeable to see if the second stop sign and road barricades help.

4. Food Truck Ordinance - Discussion/Review

Review of the food truck ordinance, Chapter 730, and the twelve items that applicants need to provide the city with. Ryan Green said he wanted to strike out items 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 from the application, as these are items they already have to provide to the state, he gave some reasoning for each. Fire suppression devices are inspected or regulated through the fire department, discussion on tax collection, and requirement for menu items. As a food truck owner, Ms. Hollis was present to lend some insight. Mr. Green said his goal is to streamline the application process. Mr. Green said additionally, there are food trucks that operate on private property and there are food trucks that operate downtown for an event. He said the ones on private property have to pay the fee and go through the city permit process, and the ones downtown for an event don't have to do that, he said he wants to apply all the same way. Mr. Green said the spirit of doing this in the first place was to stop food trucks from coming in and taking away business from the brick and mortar restaurants, but the issue we have is that they have all of these downtown events and we have food trucks there every other weekend and food trucks are literally in our downtown taking away from restaurants that are there. He said it seems we are not applying things downtown the same way we are applying them to other places in the city. Discussion on the difference between a stand-alone food truck operating on a business' private property and a food truck operating on public property as a part of an event. Mr. Orsini said if you want to control the trucks at the event, address the way we manage the events, not the food truck, because they are two different things. He said the food truck on its own is one issue, the event with food trucks is the other, to try and level the playing field for food trucks is going to make the situation you are trying to avoid worse. Mr. Green said maybe they just figure out how to govern the events. Mr. Orsini said if they could hear from the businesses, it would be informational. Mr. Green said the feedback he is getting is that fees are not being applied evenly, we should apply the fee to all the food trucks evenly, either they all pay the fee or nobody pays the fee, or the fee is passed off to the event, if there are hoops to jump through for this property but not that one, he thinks that becomes an issue. Mr. Orsini said a community event downtown on public property is designed for the community to come and take part, and if the city has some expense, so be it, that is what we are all here for. Anything that is on private property, a business, they are having the food truck to draw customers into their business for profit, that is where he draws the line. Mr. Green said the overall goal with policing food trucks was to help our brick and mortars, if we are having events a couple times a month, not only are we taking away parking from these businesses, we are also sticking another competitor right next to them and that flies in the face of what was originally intended. Mr. Orsini said he would recommend asking the businesses if they see an increase or decrease on those days, it does bring people downtown and if they don't want the truck food, then maybe they go to one of the businesses as an option. Mr. Green said he would emphasize to the events, to try to work with the restaurants, to have them cater for the event or bring food in. Mr. Selan said before they make a recommendation, he suggests getting a better definition of what they are aiming at, he thinks more discussion would give staff a more directed approach. Mr. Green said there are three separate issues involved, the easiest to fix is the permit because that helps everybody. Mr. Stanearth said staff would need a recommendation to do a redline version of the Food Truck Ordinance to bring to council if that is what is desired.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to recommend changing the ordinance; Jeff Barr seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ryan Green, Jeff Barr

NOES: Dave Selan

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 1

5. 2026 Fireworks - Proposed Date July 3rd

Dave Selan said there is a proposed date of July 3rd for the fireworks, it is a Friday, our current vendor Hamburg, agreed to maintain their current pricing at \$15,000 with hopefully an agreement with the city for kicking in the first \$10,000. He said he is pretty confident that with the fundraising they were able to do last year, they can cover the other \$5,000. He wants to get an understanding of whether or not to move forward with that contract. Mr. Selan said he talked with both first responder groups, they are happy with the 3rd of July. Chief Smart said his only issue is that the actual observed holiday is on July 3rd and that is the city holiday, they would incur overtime costs. Discussion on officer scheduling and additional cost, Mr. Barr said it would be an approximate additional cost of \$1,000. Mr. Barr asked what Monroe Township puts in, Mr. Selan said not a dime, Mr. Barr asked if he asked them to, he said he did, and they said they would get back to him. Mr. Barr said he thinks we should ask Monroe Township, he thinks they should chip in. Nicole Shook said there is an in-kind donation of \$6,000 + from Monroe Township, they provide their fire services for the event at no cost; Mr. Barr said so do we. Mr. Selan said he stands corrected, they do generate an invoice for time and hours and write off that invoice as their donation. Mr. Barr said he is good with the \$10,000. Mr. Selan asked if he needed to make a recommendation, Mr. Stanearth said he doesn't think he needs to, he is almost certain that it is already in the 2026 budget for \$10,000 to be allocated toward the fireworks. Mr. Selan asked if he was good to sign the contract. Mr. Barr asked if the city signs the contract or some other organization. Mr. Selan said last year Mike Gianini signed it, for Greater Johnstown Park and Rec (GJPRD). Discussion on non-profit organization, the city is not and GJPRD is not. Mr. Selan asked if they were ok with Daryl Wernette signing, Mr. Barr said that he was, but is GJPRD good with that. Mr. Selan said he would bring it up in other business at council and solidify that. Mr. Barr said he thinks it is good to let them start running with that.

6. Other Business

1. Jack Liggett said he received one estimate to cut down the very large tree at the end of Jersey Street, the estimate from Dauge Tree Service is \$4,300. He will try to get a couple more estimates, but this is a very large tree, the cost is almost twice what they thought and asked if they still wanted to move forward, the indication was yes.

7. Adjourn

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to adjourn; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Jeff Barr, Dave Selan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.